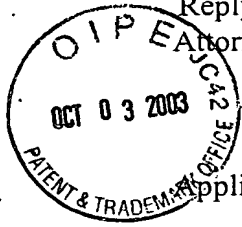


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/889,938  
Applicant : Kenneth Richards et al.  
Filed : December 11, 2001  
Title : METHOD FOR CONVEYING BNYVV  
RESISTANCE TO SUGAR BEET PLANTS  
Group Art Unit : 1638  
Examiner : Ashwin D. Mehta  
Confirmation No. 4594

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant requests a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. The outstanding Action was mailed on April 1, 2003. The period set for response was three months, bringing the response to be due on July 1, 2003. Therefore, a three-month extension of time will bring the response due on October 1, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed to cover the extension fee. A response to the outstanding Action is filed concurrently herewith.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on October 1, 2003

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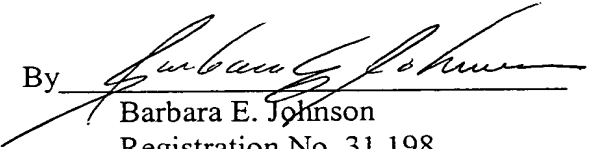
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The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. The original and two copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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